(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any review of the work done so far, has been conducted in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) No action plan has been prepared for promotion, extension and upgradation of traning programmes for farmers for soil testing facilities through the Government Corporations in the dry farming regions of the country including Tamil Nadu. However, the State Government of Tamil Nadu has already established Soil Testing Laboratories in all the districts inclusive of the dry farming regions. In addition, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore imparts training to farmers on soil test based integrated nutrient management and conducts demonstrations for its usefulness on their fields including dry land farming areas of Tamil Nadu.

Fishery Development under Narmada Valley Development Project

†1056. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have sent proposals to Governments regarding development of fishery in the reservoirs under construction/ constructed under Narmada Valley Development Project and the action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(b) the amount released to the State Governments and the amount yet to be released and by when the balance amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) On receipt of a proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of fisheries in the six reservoirs by the Narmada Valley Development Department (NVDD), a sum of Rs. 100 lakhs of central assistance as first instalment was released to the State Government during September, 2004. The balance amount of Rs. 52.49 lakhs will be released to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh on receipt of the Utilization Certificate of the above released amount as well as the progress report from the NVDD. Proposal is awaited.

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